# RUBENS WILL IN STOLEN MAIL.

DOCUMENT WAS SENT TO PARIS FOR AUTHENTICATION.

Estate Valued at \$1,250,000 Involved in a Peculiar Contest That Has Sprung Up -Lawyers Here Unprepared to Say Mall Was Robbed to Obtain Will.

one of the registered documents stolen left this port on January 17, was the will of the late Charles Rubens or Voog, who died in Paris early last summer at the age

The law firm of Coudert Bros, forwarded the will to be authenticated in France. The value of the estate is estimated to be \$1,250,000.

After the death of Rubens, which was registered at the American Consulate in Paris, the French authorities by request of the American Consul took possession of Rubens's luxurious home in the Avenue de l'Alma and sealed his papers and valuables. This step was taken because in going through Rubens's papers it was disovered that his real name was Charles Voog and that he was born in Mulhausen. Alsace, when that province was under French domination

Voog got into difficulties in Alsace in 1868 and came to America, where he changed his name to Rubens and took out naturalization papers. After amassing a fortune in the banking business he returned to France and settled in Paris, where his lavish hospitality won him a host of friends and gave him the entrée to exclusive circles.

After bequeathing a large sum to his niece, Rubens's will, which was executed in Paris and filed at the American Consulate. provided legacies to many curious charities. The will was forwarded to this city for probate by the American Consul-General because practically all of the estate was situated here and he was a citizen of New York. No sooner, however, did it become known that the rich merchant, who always referred himself as an American, had been born in France than the question was raised of the validity of the will. Under the French aw, it was declared, a French subject who became naturalized in another country under an assumed name still remained a Frenchman and his will was void.

Forty or more claimants for the estate bobbed up at once from all parts of France, n case the French courts should decide that the will was invalidated by Rubens's hange of name when he became a citizen i the United States. The will was presented and registered for probate in the surrogates' Court in this city by Cougert Bros. about four months ago. As the ocument had been executed in Paris the awyers took the usual steps to prove its authenticity to the satisfaction of the Court and secured a commission empowering the Consul-General in Paris to take the testimony of the witnesses to the will, all of whom reside in France. With this comssion the will itself was enclosed in a registered package and left here on La Savoie on January 17.

At the office of Coudert Bros. it was said yesterday that the firm was still awaiting advices from Paris in regard to the ecovery of the will. A member of the firm would not admit that whoever stole the mail pouch had been informed beforehand that it contained the Rubens will or that the robbery had been instigated by persons in Paris who were interested in having it declared invalid and who believed that their claims to shares in the estate might be strengthened if it were proved in the French courts that Rubens died intestate. The awyers were unprepared to say that the oss of the pouch was due to a premeditated plan to get the will and destroy it. Until further information is received from their Paris correspondents the members of the Condert firm are disposed to regard the loss as an unfortunate occurrence.

If the lost document should not turn up

within a reasonable time Coudert Bros. will endeavor to prove the existence of the will in other ways. A certified copy of the document is on file in the Surrogates' Court here and a copy is also in the New York ffice of the firm, as are also the names and addresses of the witnesses. The lawvers will apply to the Surrogate for another copy of the commission to the American Consul-General in Paris, empowering him to take the depositions of the witnesses to the will.

This is the first time in the history of the Surrogates' Court, according to a member of Coudert Bros, that a will which has been filed and later withdrawn for authentication with the permission of the Court has been lost. There are no precedents on record to guide the Court in any action that may be taken in regard to the missing document and the officials are in a quandary as to what further steps must be taken in the matter in case the Paris police fail to ecover the stolen will.

Besides Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Lazard Freres it was learned yesterday that Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. and Redmond & Co. are among the other Wall Street firms who lost securities and other valuable papers in the theft of La Savoie's registered mail

Postmaster Willcox said vesterday that he had not a word from the French authorities in regard to the robbery since the "bulletin of irregularities" was received early in February. He immediately notified the Department at Washington and turned the bulletin over to Chief Post Office Inspector Vickery, who is supposed to be

working with the French authorities. No official word of any arrest in connection with the robbery has been received by the postal authorities, and none is expected. "We don't inform Paris or London of arrests made here in such cases," said Chief Inspector Mayer. "The fact that the Paris officials have sent us no word aside from the regular bulletin of irregularities makes it certain to my mind that the story that the thief had confederates in this country and that the bag was watched the length of its journey is a dream. If it were true that the prisoner had confessed that the robbery was the work of a band of international crooks the Paris officials would long since have sent us a request to

do a little investigating over here. "My personal opinion is that the mail was robbed in the Paris post office after the bags had been opened and that the thief was some one employed in the Paris post office. If the man who was arrested in connection with the theft is a broker's clerk it will probably be found that he was only the outside man in the game, to whom the securities were given for disposal." Inspector Mayer said that even if a con-

agreed upon with an accomplice in Paris or on board La Savoie, it would have been a big job to find the marked sack among the 3,200 consigned to La Savoie, and the thief would have needed a long period free from observation in which to do his work. In the foreign mail office one man makes up a package of registered mail; another in a remote room receives the package, without knowledge of its contents, and places it in a bag, his act being witnessed and certified to by another, and then a from the registered mail pouch sent to fourth is called to note the number on the Paris on the French liner La Savoie, which | bag and make record of it. Even if all four men were in collusion to mark the sack they would have no chance of communication with one another so as to make sure that the mark was placed on a sack con-

taining matter of great value. The inspector said that he was certain that not one cent of real money had been stolen and that for the most part the thief had secured papers which were of no more value to him than so much waste paper.

#### GUARDING MAILS IN PARIS. French Authorities Now Watching the Sacks at St. Lazare Station.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEX Paris, March 22. - Owing to the recent mail robbery precautions for the protection of the mail bags have been doubled at the St. Lazare station, which is the centralizing point of the French, Italian and Spanish mails destined for the United States. Employees now guard each truck on which the mails are placed for transference to the

#### MRS. PRUYN GOING ON THE STAGE. Another Society Woman to Follow Bloodgood's Example.

Mrs. Francis L. Pruyn, who is well known in New York society, is going the stage. Mrs. Pruyn is a daughter of the late Frank B. Thurber, who was the head of a wholesale grocery concern in this city. She married Francis L. Pruyn, a member of the old family of that name in Albany. They live at 128 East Twenty-fourth street.

Mrs. Pruyn is young and good looking and has been interested in the stage for several years. The success of Mrs. Bloodgood induced her to think she might turn her own talents to advantage. It was her intention to appear in a small part with Mrs. Leslie Carter-Payne in "Cleo," but the have done had he not the additional duties disagreement between Charles B. Dillingham and Mrs. Carter-Payne and the consequent withdrawal of "Cleo" led to an

offer to Mrs. Pruyn from the Shuberts "I expect to appear in Mr. Fitch's 'The Truth,'" said Mrs. Pruvn vesterday after-"It will be only a small part as I am only a beginner, but have great confidence, because several managers have said very complimentary things about me. am going on the stage because I like it."

#### PARTS OF A NEW GOSPEL. Manuscripts Found in Chinese Turkestan Read by German Philologist.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 22.-Prof. Mueller, the philologist, has deciphered some of the to Europe from Chinese Turkestan by Dr. Lecoq, who found them buried in sand at

Turfan. It was at first believed that they were written in a language of which every trace had been lost, but Prof. Mueller decides that they are in the language of Sogdiana, a province of the ancient Persian Empire. He pronounces them fragments of the New Testament, although differing considerably from all the authoritative ancient versions recognized by the Greek and Catholic churches. He deduces that the copiers had access to versions which are now totally unknown.

#### LAWYER HODGE ARRESTED. Wouldn't Obey Traffic Rules at Forty-fourth Street and Broadway

Lawyer J. Aspinwall Hodge was arrested early last night for violation of the traffic rules at Forty-fourth street and Broadway. He insisted, so Policeman Twillmer, who arrested him, says, in running his automobile east on Forty-fourth street. This is against the traffic rules. In order to avoid congestion among vehicles going to and from the theatres all rigs are required to approach points on Forty-fourth street from the east and points on Forty-third street from the west

Mr. Hodge, who said he had an engage ment at the Bar Association, was told to proceed east on Forty-third street, turn north on Fifth avenue and then turn west on Forty-fourth street, to the front of the Bar Association, which is between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Policeman Twillmer says that the lawyer insisted that he had a right to go east on Forty-fourth street and tried to do so

The policeman took Mr. Hodge to the West Forty-seventh street station. After Sergt. Brady had taken the lawyer's pedifinding that he was 16 years old, and at 316 West 108th street, it was explained to Mr. Hodge that the policeman was trying to enforce the rules. Mr. Hodge declared that he was better informed on the traffic regulations than either the ser-geant or the policeman. He said that he geant or the policeman. He said that he had conferred with Commissioner Bingham

about the matter. Sergt. Brady told Mr. Hodge he would have to give bail or stay in the station over night. Sergt. Brady suggested that the automobile be left as security and that Mr. Hodge proceed to the Bar Association on foot. Mr. Hodge refused to do this. After thinking some time he sent for John Lowe of 155 West Ninety-third street, who gave property at 10 Amsterdam avenue as security for Mr. Hodge's appearance in the West Side police court this morning.

## THE NORTHWESTERN WRECKED. Steamer Ashore on Island Near Alaskan

Coast-May Be Total Loss. SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.-The steamship Northwestern, according to word re- fully concur. Very respectfully, ceived here, was wrecked yesterday on the south end of La Touche Island on the southwestern coast of Alaska.

The ship lies in an exposed condition and it is expected that she will be a total loss. The Northwestern was formerly the Orizaba of the Ward Line. She sailed from Seattle on March 10 for Valdez, afterward going to Seward. The vessel left Seward on Wednesday and was wrecked while en route from Valdez to Seattle.

Capt. Truebridge wired the local office of the Northwestern Steamship Company from Valdez to-day of the disaster, but did not tell the extent of the damage. No lives were lost. The passengers and

the crew reached shore safely and are now being cared for by the company at Seward.

Good health depends on pure food. Burnett's Vanille is pure. Take no substitute.—Ade.

# York had placed on a sack a mark previously GEN. WOOD'S CHARGES FAIL.

CAPT. KOEHLER'S ACQUITTAL DIS-PLEASES THE PRESIDENT.

Court-martial in Second Trial of Army Officer Declares Him Not Guilty of Unbecoming Conduct in Resenting His Commanding Officer's Reprimand.

WASHINGTON, March 22 .- Announcement was made at the War Department to-night that the court-martial which tried Capt. Lewis M. Koehler, Fourth Cavalry, for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline in making statements derogatory to Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, his superior officer, had rendered a verdict of acquittal. At the same time a statement was made public at the White House to the effect that the President had disapproved the findings of the court. Gen. Wood commands the Military Division of the Philippines. Capt. Koehler is attached to that division.

The case has been pending in the army for nearly a year. Secretary Taft in his letter to the President reviewing the case points out that the President cannot approve the finding without necessarily affirming Capt. Koehler's statements concerning Gen. Wood. Furthermore, Secretary Taft says that to approve the finding it would be incumbent upon the President to order a court-martial of Gen. Wood.

The President as the reviewing authority cunnot change a verdict of acquittal into one of conviction. All that he can do to show his dissatisfaction with the verdict and to save Gen. Wood from a court-martial is to disapprove the finding, which he does. The court-martial is criticised by Secretary Taft

In his letter to the President Secretary Taft reviews the case at length, and says n part:

To THE PRESIDENT: Capt. Kochler was an officer in command of two companies of cavalry at Jolo in the Philippines. cott was the commanding officer of the military post at Jolo and was also the Civil Governor of Jolo, under the civil establishment. Capt. Koehler made himself annoying to Major Scott by captious insist ence that Major Scott should be in his office certain times and should discharge his duties as military post commander with the same degree of promptness that he would of Civil Governor. Capt. Koehler filed charges against Major Scott.

An inspecting officer sent to investigate them reported there was no foundation for the charges. Major Scott then filed charges against Capt. Koehler. Gen. Wood ordered a court-martial of Capt. Koehler. The courtmartial resulted in finding Capt. Koehler The court sentenced him to be reprimanded in orders by the reviewing authority Gen. Wood in reprimanding Capt. Koehler

said that he had been guilty of conduct which indicated that he was seriously wanting in those clean cut and well defined conceptions of a soldier's duty which should be found in every officer of the army; that his conception the standards of the conduct and uprightness as they exist in the army were distorted to a degree not found in the just and fair minded.

Then Capt. Koehler took an appeal, though the law does not specifically provide for remedy, to the Secretary of War. In this appeal he said:

1-That he was practically depted course accuser or prosecutor, and that the courts erred in overruling the pica based upon that fact.

3-That the reprimand imposed in pursuance of the sentence was harsh and excessive 4-That as application for a court of inquiry

In the language of his appeal he characterized the acts of the department commander as unfair, unjust and illegal

The appeal was forwarded by the division commander, Gen. Wood, to this department with a letter inviting attention to the lan guage used in it and submitting the question of disciplinary proceedings language to the Department. This Department directed the division commander to file charges against Capt. Kochler and to bring him to trial before a court-martial appointed by the President

Capt. Koehler, and the finding of the acquittal now comes before you as the reviewing authority for action either in approval or disapproval. I have no hesitation in saying after a full consideration of the matter that the finding of the first court-martial, that Capt. Koehler was guilty of filing captious and unnecessary charges against his commanding officer was fully sustained

He might have had counsel had he been willing to take any but two persons who were otherwise engaged on public business The charge that the department commander was the accuser or prosecutor in the first trial was unfounded and based solely on the ground that he directed a court-martial on the charges of Major Scott after an inspector had reported that the charges of Capt. Koehler against Major Scott were unfounded. Con sidering the evidence of the first court-martial, I think the language of the reprimand was sufficiently within the fliding on the

evidence. You, as the reviewing authority, are put in the position, that if you approve the find-ing you necessarily affirm or approve the statement derogatory to Gen. Wood contained in the appeals, and if you do so approve hese statements, then it would become duty as commander-in-chief to order Gen. Wood before a court-martial for perverting his power as department commander to against his subordinate officer. You cannot justice to Gen. Wood find any evidence in the record to sustain the bringing of such proceedings or the finding of a court against

tence, but it cannot change a fluding of acquittal to one of conviction. It can, however, in any case disapprove the entire proceeding and refuse to confirm a finding of acquittal. The effect of this is to set aside the proceedings as if they had not been commenced. By this course you, as the reviewing authority, are not involved in the logical consequences with respect to Gen. Wood which must follow an approval of the sentence as already explained, and Capt. Koehler is simply restored to duty. This is the view of the judge advocate general, in whose recommendations I

Secretary of War

In the statement given out at the White House was this indorsement of the President's disapproval of the acquittal:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, March 22. The proceedings, findings and acquittal in the case of Capt. Lewis M. Koehler, Fourth Cavalry, United States Army, are disapproved. I entirely concur in all that the Secretary of War says of Capt. Koehler and

of Gen. Wood, and of the poor showing made by the court which last passed on the case. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. The Gowanburn Floated

The steamship Gowanburn, which was ashore at Blue Point station on the Long Island shore, was floated at 12:20 o'clock this morning. She started for New York

# MERRY'S ROW WITH ZELAYA.

U.S. Minister Transferred Legation to a Ship and Prepared to Defend It.

NEW OBLEANS, March 22.-When an account was published some days ago of a sensational quarrel between United States Minister Merry and President Zelaya of Nicaragua, the Picayune forwarded copies of the publications containing it to its representative at San José, and the next steamer from Costa Rica has brought a

letter from him, dated San José, Costa Rica, March 16, 1907, in which he says: "Minister Merry had been pressing the claim of Sam Weil of New Orleans very energetically and from information he eceived he came to the conclusion that

me one was tampering with his cables. "He sent, on one occasion, a message in ode and some little time after was uncertain as to the wording of this message and sent his clerk to the cable office with a request to have the cable returned to him. The cable clerk claimed he could not find he message and this matter was so reported o Minister Merry, who then went in person the office and demanded the copy.

"It is understood from the very best authority that the clark of the cable office went to the palace of President Zelava and secured the message. It has also been stated upon equally as good information that one of the words in the message had been

"This led to a stormy interview between President Zelaya and Minister Merry and resulted in Minister Merry closing his legation. Shortly after Minister Merry left for Corinto to catch a vessel bound for Puerto Remas, Costa Rica. About the same time the steamship Barracouta, from Panama, was due at Corinto and arrived before the City of Para reached Corinto.

"The Minister of War of Nicaragua, with an armed guard, came down from Managua to Corinto, boarded the Barracouta and emanded from the captain the manifests of the Honduras consignments. The captain replied that they were in the ship's safe. He would not show them to a Nicaraguan

official. "The Minister of War then told the captain of the Baracouta that he would search the hold and left the ship apparently to secure an armed force. During his absence Minister Merry instructed the captain to arm his crew and officers and attach the hose to the fire pipes and be ready to defend his ship by means of hot water.

"Then he notified his secretary to have his baggage brought from the hotel and taken on board the Baracouta. He hoisted the Legation flag to the mainmast of the ship and notified Nicaragua that the ship for the time being was the American Legation and American territory.

"There was no attempt made to search the cargo of the Baracouta. The captain did not know what the boxes taken on board at Panama contained and so notified the Nicaraguan representative.

"Since Minister Merry's arrival in Costa Rica Nicaragua has cut off all cable communication between points south of Nicaragua and the United States, excepting such messages as they see fit to allow to pass through."

## MR. CLEVELAND HOME AGAIN. Slips Into Princeton by Carriage-Loving

Cup to Be Presented to Him. PRINCETON, N. J., March 22.-Grover Cleveland came back to Princeton this afternoon from his hunting trip in the South. An express train was stopped at Princeton Junction by the courtesy of a Pennsylvania Railroad conductor and there he was met by a carriage. He looked exceedingly well, however, and remarked that he had had a fine time.

He had a reason for returning to Prince ton by carriage and not by train on the Princeton Junction road. For many days the undergraduates of Princeton University have been waiting for a chance to give him a reception. Everybody felt sure that somebody would know when the train bringing him would arrive, but in this, it turns out, they were mistaken. To-night the students are a little chagrined. Scarcely a soul knew when or by what way he came.

From the way things look, however, Mr. Cleveland will have to talk pretty soon A loving cup, a tribute from the undergraduates, will be presented to him next Monday. The cup was made in Philadelphia. It stands 18 inches high on an ebony base and is of solid silver. There is a brief inscription on the cup which gives the reason for presenting it.

#### GOLDEN STATE FLIER WRECKED. Train Rolls Down Thirty Foot Embankment -Not a Passenger Badly Hurt.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22.-While running sixty miles an hour the Golden State limited train on the Big Four, which 'eft here for St. Louis at 11:05 o'clock this morning, left the track at Avon, fourteen miles west

of this city. Every car but one went down a thirty foot embankment. The accident was due to a defective frog in a new piece of track on a fill where the earth had settled.

The day coaches, engine, baggage car and six Pullmans were piled in a heap in the soft earth at the side of the steep grade They were badly broken and crushed

There were sixty passengers on the train, many of them in the buffet, when the accident occurred Thirteen passengers were injured, but none of them mortally The engineer was killed under his engine. The majority of the injured were only slightly bruised

Mrs. William B. Strang of New York was thrown through a Pullman car window. When she was picked up a number of diamonds that she wore were missing. She was not seriously hurt

Mrs. Strang is the wife of William B. Strang, a railroad contractor, who lives at the Langham, Seventy-third street and Central Park West.

#### PRINCETON DEBATERS WIN. Her Orators Triumph Over Those of Both Vale and Harvard.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 22.-Princeton had two debating teams in the field to-night. one against Vale at New Haven and the other with Harvard here. She won the debate here by a unanimous decision of the judges. The question was: "Resolved that the present distribution of power between the Federal and State govern-ments is not adapted to modern conditions and calls for readjustment in the direction of further centralization." Princeton took the negative.

HAVEN, Conn., March 22.-Yale was defeated to night in debate with Prince-ton on the question of the distribution of power between the Federal and State governments. Yale argued in the affirmative. pass by a large majority.

# MAGISTRATE MAKES RAID.

WHITMAN ASTONISHES POLICE OF TWENTY-SECOND PRECINCT.

Buys a Drink of Whiskey at a Saloon and Then Goes to the Station, Takes Command, Leads Out One Squad. Makes M Arrests and Holds Prisoners for Trial.

Charles S. Whitman, president of the Board of City Magistrates, had dinner with friends last night and was twitted about the ease with which almost any one could get a drink after the saloons were supposed to be closed. The Magistrate said he intended to find out, and jumping into an automobile, he rode to Forty-ninth street and Sixth avenue and walked into a saloon.

He saw that liquor was being sold and went out. He then visited a saloon at Forty-seventh street and Eighth avenue a block away from the Forty-seventh street station house

He asked the bartender, John McGarry for a drink of whiskey, and was served. This was at 1:25 o'clock. "Aren't you afraid to sell after hours?"

the Judge asked. "Oh, no, we've got the police fixed," he says the bartender replied

The Judge then hurried to the station house, where he asked for Capt. Daly. Sergt. Boland, who was on the desk, said that the captain wasn't there.

"I'm Judge Whitman," he said. "I'm going to take this desk. Here's my badge. want the reserves turned out."

Sergt. Boland gave way to the Magistrate, whereupon Judge Whitman sent a squad of detectives to the Forty-ninth street saloon and led others to the Forty-seventh street place himself. Both bartenders were arrested. When both parties had returned to the station house, Judge Whitman said: "I'll hold court right here. Call the

first prisoner. McGarry was arraigned, and the Magisrate said he was accused of violating the

excise law. "I didn't." replied McGarry "Didn't you sell me a glass of whiskey?"

"No," replied the bartender. "You lie!" retorted the Court. "You're neld in \$2.500 bail for trial: The other bartender, James Quinlan who also said he was not guilty, was held

in the same amount for trial. The Magistrate waited at the station house until 2 o'clock, when the late platoon was turned out. Before the sergeant dismissed them

Judge Whitman read them the excise law. "I've visited sixteen saloons after hours o-night and found them all violating the law. I want those places closed, whether they are paying money for protection or

# NO CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS. Thora Will Bo No White

Powwow on Railroad Legislation. St. Path. March 22.-Gov. Johnson today received a letter from President Roosevelt in reply to the Governor's proposal for a conference of Governors and railroad commissioners to consider railroad ques-

"President Roosevelt says there will be no conference of the Governors of the States," said Gov. Johnson.

# GIFT TO DEPUTY CHIEF BINNS. Silver Service Presented to Commemorate

His Twenty-five Years of Fire Service. Friends of Deputy Fire Chief Binns of he Manhattan division united in observing last night the twenty-fifth anniversary of his appointment to the Fire Department. They gathered at the house of Engine Company 23 in West Fifty-eighth street. A silver service of five pieces with a tray was presented to Chief Binns as a gift from BANDMASTER BAYNE SLUGGED friends in and out of the department

Assistant Corporation Counsel Michael F. Conry made the presentation speech after which a collation was served. Deputy Chief Binns received his appointment to the Fire Department March 20, 1882, and served with Hook and Ladder Company 4 until May 20, 1884, when he was appointed assistant foreman. On August 16 of the same year he was appointed foreman. He served in that capacity and as acting chief of battalion until December 1, 1897, when he was made was made chief of battalion. On August 14, 1903, he was promoted to be deputy chief and has since served as acting chief when Chief Croker

has been absent. Chief Binns got the Bennett medal in 1885 for the most meritorious act in the Fire Department for the year 1884, and his name appears on the roll of merit for meri-torious conduct attended by personal risk. Among the guests at the presentation ceremony were Fire Commissioner Lantry, Joseph Reilly, William Bruce Brown, M. F. Loughman, secretary of the Park Board; Dr. H. M. Archer and Dr. J. W. Markoe.

#### TAFT OFF ON TRIP TO-DAY. Secretary of War and His Party to Start for Isthmian Zone

WASHINGTON, March 22.-Secretary Taft will leave Washington to-morrow afternoon for Charleston, where he will board the Mayflower for his trip to Panama. In the Taft party will be Senator Kittredge South Dakota, Representative T. E. Burton of Ohio, Representative De Armond of Missouri, Richard R. Rogers, general ounsel for the Isthmian Canal Commis-ion; Frederick P. Stearns of Boston, Alfred Noble of New York, John Ripley Freeman of Providence and Mr. Taft's confidential

clerk, W. W. Mischler. Mr. Stearns, Mr. Noble and Mr. Freeman are civil engineers who furnished Secretary Faft with expert opinion as to the feasibility The party is du farch 30 and wi of the Gatun Dam site. to arrive at Colon on March 30 and will remain on the Isthmus until April 3, when the Secretary will sail for Havana, arriving here on April 7.
He will spend three days there and then

go to Porto Rico, reaching there on April 14. He will remain in Porto Rico for four days and expects to reach Hampton Roads on The trip will be of nearly 6,000

#### England Rejects Metric System. Special Cable Despatch to THE STR.

LONDON, March 22.- The House of Commons rejected to-day, on second reading, the bill for the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures in the United Kingdom, by a vote of 150 to 118. Only a week ago the advocates of the measure boasted that they had 400 members of Parliament pledged to it and that it would

# BRYCE IS CHOATE'S GUEST.

The Ambassador Stops Off for a Few Days on His Way to Canada.

James Bryce, British Ambassador, who is on his way from Washington to Ottawa, where he will be the guest of Earl Grey, the Governor-General of the Dominion, is stopping for a few days with Joseph H. Choate, with whom he was closely in touch while Mr. Choate represented the United States at the Court of St. James's.

A few friends were asked last night to neet Mr. Bryce at dinner at Mr. Choate's house, 8 East Sixty-third street, and to-night the Ambassador is to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Pilgrims. Mr. Bryce, who is accompanied by Mrs. Bryce, spent yesterday quietly and the cards of newspaper men were not taken to him.

Monday evening Mr. Bryce will attend the banquet at the Union League Club and on Tuesday at noon there will be a reception for him at the Chamber of Commerce. In the afternoon he and Mrs. Bryce will leave for Canada.

### NEW CLUES TO MARVIN BOY. Finding of a Child Reported to President

Roosevelt From Portsmouth, England. DOVER, Del., March 22.-Two more boys have been found who answer the description of the stolen Marvin boy. A cablegram was received by President Roosevelt from Portsmouth, England, saying that such a boy has been found there.

The President sent word to Gov. Lea who in turn notified the detectives. The latter refused to say anything about the case except that an investigation was under way. The second boy found was reported from

Toronto, Canada, but the chief of detectives said he was positive it was a case of mistaken identity. A later message from Toronto says he is not the Marvin boy. Dr. Marvin to-night sent a telegram to

President Roosevelt asking that post office inspectors try to run down the persons who send him threatening letters, and that postmasters be instructed to post pictures of the boy and notices of reward in their

# EDWARD BODINE KILLED.

Stepped in Front of a Train at Whitestone -Had Nervous Trouble.

Edward Bodine of West Brighton, Richmond borough, was struck by a train and instantly killed at the Whitestone station of the Long Island Railroad yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bodine was 83 years of age. He was formerly in the lumber business at Staten Island and was wealthy. For eight or nine years he had been a voluntary patient at Dr. Harrison's sanitarium at Whitestone He suffered from a nervous trouble, but was able to go about and was strong and vigorous.

He was under no restraint and became well known in Whitestone, College Point and Flushing. Yesterday afternoon he had occasion to go to the depot and when he started to cross the track he stepped in front of a train he had not seen approaching. Engineer Frederick Loder could not stop in time to save Bodine's life. Loder was detained for a time by the police and then paroled. Mr. Bodine leaves a daughter and two sons

# THREW HIMSELF BEFORE CAR.

Bievele Con Whitman Saves a Maniac Painter From Suicide Bicycle Policeman "Ajax" Whitman was speeding through 125th street last night

eastbound Third avenue car near Madison avenue. Whitman put on the brakes, hopped off his wheel and grabbed the man just as the car reached him. The man said he was Edward Skennion a painter of Westchester, and that he wanted to die. While he was being taken to a cell he began to act like a maniac A half dozen policemen had all they could

do to hold him until a Harlem ambulance

arrived. He was put in a straitjacket

At His Front Door When Robber Struck Him and Grabbed at His Walch. William Bayne, bandmaster of the Sixtyninth Regiment, was unlocking the front door of his home at 53 Third avenue late last night when he received a powerful blow on the back of his head. When he turned his assailant grabbed at his watch, tore part of the chain away and then ran

down Third avenue. Prof. Bayne yelled for help. Policeman O'Brien hurried up and chased a man he saw running not far away. The cop caught the man and took him to the Fifth street station house. He said he was Lawrence Roach of 229 East Eleventh stre-t. Prof. dastard in N. V. Bayne said he thought the prisoner was the man who tried to rob him.

# \$300 FOR A GOOD VALE SONG.

President Hadley Announces Increase of

the Heald Prize. NEW HAVEN, March 22 .- President Hadey, to arouse greater interest among Yale men to write a Yale song that will be worth singing, has just announced that the Heald prize of \$50 for the best Yale song has been ncreased to \$300 by contributions of Yale graduates

President Hadley to-day said: "The best college song in the country is 'Old Nassau. The words by themselves are abominable and the tune can hardly he said to rise above mediocrity: but the fit is something absolutely extraordinary.

"The two things which to-day come nearest to being Yale songs, 'Amici' and 'March, March On Down the Field,' have this element of fit."

# BLUECHER MISSES A SHOCK.

Damaged Walls Shaken Down in Kingston -People Paniestricken. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 22 .- A vioent shock of earthquake occurred here at

6:40 o'clock this evening. The people were paniestricken. A number of walls damaged in the pre vious quakes were thrown down. 'So far as known nobody was hurt.

The tourists on the Bluecher just missed the experience, she having sailed shortly before the shock was felt.

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Original Stories-Little Nemo-These are only iew-Order now.-Ada

# THAW'S LETTERS TO J. D. LYON

JEROME CONTENDS THAT THEY SHOW INSANITY.

oherent in Many Places-Some of Them Written to His Banker Since His Arrest Jerome Says He Did Not Mean to Reflect on Lawyer Hartridge-Jury Excused Until Wednesday-Thaw Affidavits as to Sanity to Be Ready To-day.

The jury which has been trying Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White was excused yesterday until next Wednesday. This means that Justice FitzGerald will probably not announce his decision before that day as to the appointment of a lunacy commission to determine whether Thaw is now sane.

The affidavits to be submitted by Thaw's counsel are to be ready by 2 o'clock this afternoon and filed with Chief Clerk Carroll of the Court of General Sessions. Then copies will be presented to Justice Fitz-Gerald and District Attorney Jerome at once. If Ju ce FitzGerald should decide before Wednesday that he will or will not appoint a lunacy commission he will notify the lawvers at once.

It was said last night that about seventeen affidavits would be submitted to Justice FitzGerald by the defence. All the lawyers and alienists will make affidavits. And affidavit will also be made by Dr. George F. Shiels, who will swear in substance that Thaw is not suffering from paranoia, as the doctors for the prosecution say, and that he is able to advise with his counsel.

One of the affidavits will be made by Delphin Michael Delmas. He will embody in his affidavit a letter he received from Thaw the day after the defence opened. In this letter Thaw gave to Mr. Delmas the entire charge of the conduct of the defence during the trial.

Behind this letter is a story of the troubles of the first day or so of the defence. After the opening speech to the jury by Lawyer John B. Gleason Dr. Wiley of Pittsburg was put on the stand as the first expert for the defence. Mr. Delmas was not very well pleased with Mr. Gleason's speech. He was less pleased after Mr. Jerome tore holes in the testimony of Dr. Wiley.

At the conclusion of Dr. Wiley's crossexamination Mr. Delmas sent word to

Thaw that he would like to know just how the lawyers for the defence were to be aligned. Mr Delmas announced that if things were to be run the way they had been the first day he would not take the responsibility for the autcome of the case. He did not say that he would retire from the case, as that would look as if he were deserting his client, but he made it plain that he would take a back seat and would not answer for the conduct of the case. On the face of it Mr. Delmas's affidavit

forces believes that when Thaw took that action it was the course that a sane man wou take. Mr. Delmas will swear that Thaw is able to advise with his counsel and so will the other lawyers. It was thought that some of Thaw's relatives would make affidavits, but this will not be done. It could not be learned last night whether Thaw would submit to a

means that the captain of the Thaw legal

physical examination so that the experts when he saw a man dive in front of an could swear to the results. It was said last night that it was pretty certain that there would be no physical examination of Thaw. Incorporated in the affidavit submitted by Mr. Jerome on Thursday to show that Thaw is insane were the letters written by Thaw to J. Denniston Lyon, his Pittsburg banker. Some of the letters were written

before White was killed and some of them

since Thaw has been in the Tombs. The

contention of Mr. Jerome is that the letters

and taken to the Bellevue psychopathic show that Thaw is not of sound mind. One of the letters was written from the Republican Club. It says: DEAR DENNY: Im sorry that the manager of Miss N's [Evelyn Nesbit; hotel is an idiot. She stopped one night at a place called the Cumberland, but was disturbed by Street

oises The hotel contains ladis who have

No one was moved, and all meals were served. Now she has a better place with a nice woman. Mrs. Kane |Came|, a friend of her I never saw this Sweat, nor spoke nor wrote

frequently invited me for the night.

You know of her misfortunes Mr. Holman married her Mother three years too late. He is trying to keep her quiet, and must do so. Should the facts come out, no one but wd believe she sold the child to the most notorious

Everything proves it and a very few other persons know she did not mean wrong but since infancy she was ealous of and disliked the child, and was gulled to an unbelievable extent by this blackguard If He says anything to any of us or any

e, assure Mr. H. that they must say nothing. nless she desires to accuse the criminal there by showing that she and the girl were innocent victims, and the girl not even fool ished, but thrown by an inconceivably unwise relative. You must know this in case Mr. H. is overbourn (he desires silence) so you can hold him "dead" He knows I could "otherwise"

gladly marry and no one object I purposely confuse these pronouns, though Otherwise all very well. Of course it is hard on all-I cdnt regret it more—and all caused by the popular baboon
—at heart the worst rotter in America.

Best regards—when sh'd I come to Pgh. and for 2 days or a week? Yrs very sincerely, Another letter has the note at the top, which is so characteristic of many of Thaw's etters. The letter was written from the

Hotel Wolcott in this city and says: Never pay this outlawed "ill of Thorleys-not let my estate pay it-they wd. not arrainge so now it all is outlawed as I have never been a foreign resident. DEAR DENNY: I only need 10 to 15000 for he 2 Steels I have them already have about \$3000 profit: As I seemed over rich I paid 1200 plus 500 plus X equalling about \$3000

Smithfield St. Coke (Cash etc left from 5000 checque to Gates & Co. most of which I can return in 10 days) 5000

Now they might say how much they cd.

After all, USHEM's the Scoton that made the highball famous-Ada,